



Local artists' work on display

AFTER the past successes of the Cambridge Open Studios, 200 talented artists will again be exhibiting their work in the city and county during four weekends in July between 11 am and 6 pm, several in the Chesterton and King's Hedges areas.

The event will give many local residents the chance to visit exhibitions close to their homes where the artists will be very pleased to meet anyone who call on them.

In East Chesterton two artists will be showing their works.

Maureen Mace will be displaying oil and acrylic prints at 309 Milton Road, depicting 'daytime scenes under a night sky' as well as 'detailed imaginative, dream like and sometimes whimsical views of Cambridge and the surrounding area.' Maureen's exhibition will be held between 11-12 July and 25-26 July.

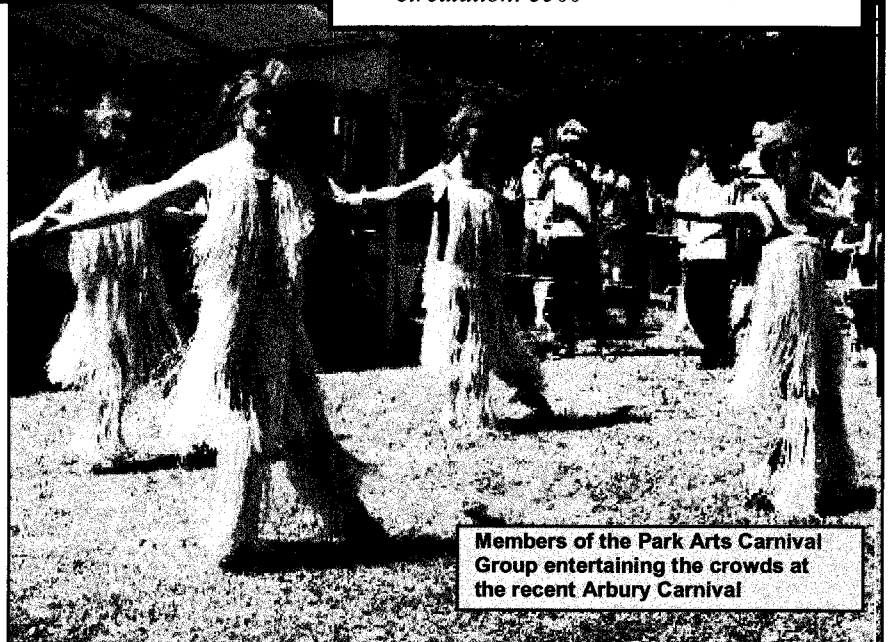
Charlotte Cornish, a painter and printmaker will show a number of

colourful, vibrant paintings and prints at her studio located in the garden of The Moorings at the end of Thrift's Walk (off Chesterton High Street). Charlotte will display her works between 4 and 5 July and 11 and 12 July.

On the King's Hedges estate, painter and printmaker Mohammed Djazmi will be showing a varied collection expressed through pencil drawings and etchings at his home at 34 Minerva Way. Mohammed's oil paintings of the Fens, Norfolk landscapes and Cambridge views will also be on display between 11-12 July and on 18 and 19 July.

Painter Derek Batty of 31 Bagot Place (off Northfields Avenue) will display 'fragile watercolours of dancers and sportsmen within colourful landscape or dramatic architecture' between 11 and 12 July and again on 18 and 19 July.

Details of the Cambridge Open Studios are at www.cambridgeopenstudios.co.uk.



Members of the Park Arts Carnival Group entertaining the crowds at the recent Arbury Carnival

City Council to look at parking for Arbury Court

THE City Council is being asked to look at more effective ways to manage the running of the Alex Wood Road free public car park, which serves the shops and businesses at Arbury Court, as well as providing parking spaces for patients attending the local doctor's surgery in Arbury Road.

The problem, claim local businesses, is that at certain times of the day and on certain days of the

week there is insufficient space for shoppers and that the parking is being used by people as an unofficial 'park and ride site.'

The park has 82 regular bays and 9 blue badge bays.

To help decide the most effective ways to solve the

problem, three broad alternatives are to be considered by the Council.

These include introducing limited waiting, perhaps bringing in parking charges, or establishing designated parking exemptions.

Sunday Services this month:

Sunday 5th July—Trinity 4

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm United Choral Evensong

Sunday 12th July—Trinity 5

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th July—Trinity 6

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 26th July—Trinity 7

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **Family Service**
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Weekday services:

Holy Communion: 9.30 am Wednesdays

Morning Prayer: 8.00 am Monday-Friday,
9.00 am Saturday.

Vicar: Reverend Stephen Bowring
St George's Vicarage Chesterton Road CB4 1LN
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AMONGST the crowd gathered outside the chapel of Iona Abbey to begin a seven mile pilgrimage are the eight members of St George's congregation who spent a week on retreat there last month. The Isle of Iona was the landing place of St Columba who brought the Christian message to these islands even before Augustine arrived in Kent. The Iona Community is an ecumenical movement dedicated to prayer, personal commitment, and the pursuit of peace and justice. See <http://www.iona.org.uk> for more details

Lib-Dems sweep the board in local elections

LOCAL results from the County Council elections held on 4 June in conjunction with the European elections, ran true to form with the Lib Dem party candidates maintaining their success of past years.

In King's Hedges, the Labour candidate, Elizabeth Hughes, who had represented the ward both on the City Council and County Council in past years, lost her seat to Andrew Pellew, the Lib. Dem candidate.

Between 1976, when the ward was formed in 2006, Labour had continuously held all four City and County Council seats, but since, by an extraordinary turn of events, the Lib Dems have taken control in an area of the city always considered to be a Labour stronghold.

East Chesterton ward also produced another victory for the Lib Dems when Slep Wilksenbeek gained a 248 vote majority over Conservative opponent James Strachan,

Councillor Wilksenbeek takes over the ward's County Council seat from the previous Lib Dem Councillor Julian Huppert, who had held the seat since 2001 and who had decided to stand for the Abbey ward where he now lives. It wasn't a good move for Dr. Huppert as he came in fourth place with the Green Party gaining the seat.

Just before the election he told 'Challenge': "It was a fantastic 8 years representing East Chesterton on the County Council, and I should like to thank all residents in the ward for their kindness and interest shown to me during this period."

There was also a by-election in East Chesterton because of the resignation of City Councillor Marian Holness.

In the event the Lib Dems maintained their control in this ward after Susannah Kerr gained a 284 vote majority over Conservative Kevin Frances.

The full County Council election results were:

EAST CHESTERTON:

Slep Wijsenbeek (L.D) 807
James Strachan (Con.) 559
Lenard Freeman (Lab.) 339
Peter Pope (Green) 331
Peter Burkinshaw (UKIP) 220

KING'S HEDGES:

Andrew Pellew (L.D.) 751
Elizabeth Hughes (Lab) 500
Matthew Adams (Con.) 439
James Youd (Green) 228

City Council by-election EAST CHESTERTON:

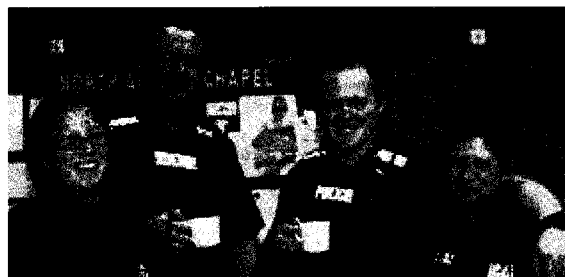
Susannah Kerr (L.D.) 836
Kevin Francis (Con.) 552
Sam Wakeford (Lab.) 319
Peter Burkinshaw (UKIP) 201

Facelift for local shopping area

PLANS to improve the Campkin Road shop forecourts including the inclusion of a drainage layout, will shortly be put to public consultation.

Several trial pits have been dug to find out the extent of the existing tree roots, and the proposals for the surfacing of the forecourt refined accordingly.

The estimated cost of the project is likely to be in the region of £75,000, but to date no budget has been committed by the City Council.



A happy group of King's Hedges police attending a recent 'Eat and Meet' Community lunch at the North Arbury Chapel – left to right PCSO Louise Walbank, PC Peter Ware (West Chesterton), PC Tom Gallagher, and PCSO Jan Upex.

New parishioners move in

A BIG welcome to the residents who have been moving into their new homes on the Miller Homes housing development which is being built off Woodhead Drive and Downham's Lane.

Nearly 60 dwellings in Alice Bell Close and Gladside are now occupied on the site, which when completed will

consist of 182 dwellings, predominately consisting of two and three storey buildings.

Half an acre of the site, backing on to Moore Close, is open space, part of which has already been equipped for a children's play area.

The new development lies within St. George's parish.



The new children's playground which has been built at the housing development off Woodhead Drive.

St. GEORGE'S HALL USERS

Mondays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-12 noon
Mrs. Susan Lister: 420954
SLIMMING WORLD: 6 pm
Contact Cathy on 293510

Tuesdays:

KETTLE CLUB: 10.30-12 noon
(1st Tuesday of the month)
OVER SIXTIES CLUB: 1.45-4 pm
(2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month)
Anne Baker: 423367
LUNCH CLUB
(3rd Tuesday of the month)
Arthur Clapp: 500220
RAINBOWS & BROWNIES: 5-7 pm
Ruth Broadway 01480 830870
HATHA YOGA: 7.45-9.15 pm.
Sue Pocock: 366588

Wednesdays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-12 noon

Thursdays:

PRAM PUSHERS: 10-11.30 am
Patricia Abrey: 425915 or Elizabeth Newman: 424993

Fridays:

PLAYLANDERS PLAYGROUP: 9 am-12 noon

Saturdays:

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Festival Countdown

THE final touches are being put to the first 'Chesterton Festival' to be held on Saturday, 4 July between 2-5 pm. The following venues are participating on the day -

Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre, White House Arts on Fen Road, Chesterton Methodist Church, St. Andrew's Hall, St. Andrew's Church and Pye's recreation ground.

Copies of the fun packed programme are now available from all the venues.

Sally Roden, a member of the Festival Steering Group, told 'Challenge': "The organisers are hoping that people will visit several of the venues on the Festival Trail, and for those who have a disability, or who have young children, for example, there is a free minibus which will be stopping off at all venues - the minibus timetable is available along with the programme.

"For those who would like more of a challenge there is the Festival Trail to walk and complete with some fun questions to answer along the way and a small prize for those who get round all the venues," Sally added.

The Festival will also be welcoming the Deputy Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Sheila Stuart, who will be popping into all the venues during the afternoon and hoping to judge the fancy dress competition at Brown's Field

at 3 pm - details in the programme.

The organisers would like to thank all the community groups, businesses and organisations in the area that have contributed to the Festival programme.

Local charity wants your help

FOUNDED in 1988, Cambridge SOFA is a community re-use charity serving Cambridge (including Chesterton and King's Hedges) and the surrounding rural communities of Cambridgeshire.

From small beginnings in a church hall just off Hills Road, via a small unit in Gwydir Street, SOFA now operates from a warehouse in Cherry Hinton Road.

The charity had three main aims: (1) To help households in need by providing them with access to very low cost furniture, electrical appliances and other household goods. (2) To provide local people who have unwanted household items with a positive social and environmental alternative to dumping them. (3) To

provide opportunities for volunteering.

Donates of unwanted furniture and electrical goods are always welcome - please call 576535 or e-mail to donate@cambridgesofa.org.uk

The charity is interested in recruiting additional part-time volunteers - van drivers and assistants for delivery, store, electrical, reception and administrative work.

It is also interested in hearing from anyone who might be interested in helping to manage Cambridge SOFA by becoming a Trustee.

If you think you can help, please call Steve or Cara on 414554.

See website: www.cambridgesofa.org.uk

Time is called for Penny Ferry



MANY older residents of Chesterton, especially those involved with rowing, will have received the news of the closure of the 'Penny Ferry' public house in Water Street (formerly the 'Pike and Eel' pub) with much sadness.

The 'Penny Ferry' was one of four Cambridge pubs which the owners Greene King recently put on the market to be sold for residential development; but now the three others have been reprieved - but not the Penny Ferry!

A public house had stood on the present site for well over 200 years, and until 1834 was situated next to a lock where the present newly refur-

bished car and cycle park is sited.

The towpath from King's Lynn reached Chesterton at this spot, from where travellers would cross the river by ferry located in the 'Pike and Eel' grounds, to continue their journey from the Barnwell bank on the other side of the river Cam, and thence into Cambridge via Stourbridge Common and Quayside.

Until 1937, when the Green Dragon footbridge was built, the ferry cost 1 penny to use, hence the pub's name of 'The Penny Ferry,' which the brewers changed from the 'Pike and Eel' in 2004.

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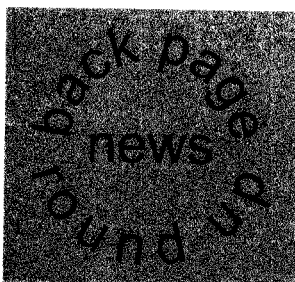
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Kettle Club

ST. GEORGE'S Kettle Club will be meeting in the church hall on Tuesday, 7 July at 10.30 am for coffee, tea and biscuits.

Over 60's

THE Over 60's Club meet in the church hall on Tuesday, 14 July when Elliot Harris will be introducing 'Student Community Action,' followed on Tuesday, 28 July by a talk entitled 'Looking after your feet' by podiatrist Celia Kenney. Both meetings begin at 1.45 pm.

Lunch Club

THE Lunch Club will not be meeting for a meal in the church hall on Tuesday, 21 July, but members will be travelling to Lowestoft on this day for the club's annual summer outing.

Plant Stall success

THE Plant Stall held outside St. George's Church Hall during May was a great success raising £386.16p including re-

freshments, which will be used to provide flowers for church decoration during the year.

Memorial Book

St. GEORGE'S Memorial Book is being 'updated' in August and anyone wishing to have the name of a loved one who has died entered into the book, price £15, should contact Janet Craft on 411858.

Christian Aid

DESPITE some difficulties in mustering enough collectors, St. George's Church was able to collect over £345 in the recent house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week held between 10-16 May.

The parish organisers, Janet Craft and Caroline Harvey, thank all those who contributed this sum.

Jumble Sale

THE next St. George's Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday, 18 July at 1.30 pm, in the church hall.

The organisers particularly want items of clothing which the last Jumble sale was short of displaying when it was held in March.

Grovebury Ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies Club will be meeting at the Arbury Community Centre this month as fol-

lows: 7 - A river trip on the 'Rosie'; 14 - Annual General Meeting; 21 - Summer Closing Social.

Arbury TG

THE Arbury Townswomen's Guild will meet at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 16 July at 2.30pm for a talk entitled 'South East from Liverpool Street.' All ladies welcome.

Coffee Morning

TO celebrate the 75th anniversary of Diabetes UK a Coffee Morning will be held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way on Thursday, 2 July between 10-11.30am when there will be a raffle and, of course, a cuppa.

Contact Marie Cassidy or Rachel Balmont on 508197 or 508151.

Choral Concert

TICKETS are now on sale for Chesterton Choral Society's Summer Concert which will be held at Chesterton Methodist Church on Monday, 6 July at 7.30pm.

The concert, entitled 'A little light Music,' will consist of a miscellany of light music for a summer's evening including 'Come to the Fair,' 'Broadway Baby,' and 'Rolling Down to Rio,' great songs of the past which are sure to encourage those attending

to tap their feet and sing along.

This will be the Society's accompanist's last appearance as the young Chinese pianist, Xiaotian Shi, will have completed his A level exams at Hill Roads Sixth Form College and is to further his career elsewhere.

Tickets for the concert are limited and priced at £6 (children under 16 £3). They can be obtained from Jenny Harvey on 276950, members of the Society or at the door; and also from Don Flory, News Editor of 'Challenge,' 162 King's Hedges Road, tel. 424916.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

TICKETS are still available for a Teddy Bears' Picnic to be held at the Community House on Tuesday, 11 August between 11.30 am-1.15 pm.

Children are invited with their teddies for a family picnic and entertainment from Jezza.

Contact Marie on 508197 for tickets, £1 per family.

Council meetings

THE next City Council's North Area public Committee Meeting will be held at the Manor Community College, Arbury Road on Thursday, 2 July at 7.30 pm attended by local City Councillors and City Officers.

East Chesterton Councillors will be holding a surgery at Brown's Field Community Centre on Saturday, 18 July between 11-12 noon.

Anti-social group

THE next gathering of the King's Hedges Anti-Social Behaviour Meeting will be held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way on Thursday, 30 July at 7.30 pm.

The meeting is open to all residents of King's Hedges and is an opportunity to talk to a Police Officer, Council Officer or Housing Officer in private.

Trip to Woburn

A FEW seats are still available for anyone in the over 55's age group who would like to travel on a coach day trip to Woburn Safari Park, the home of the Duke of Bedford, on Monday, 20 July, leaving Brown's Field Community Centre at 9.30 am.

The trip is being arranged by the Sunshine Group, who meet regularly at the Centre, and anyone who would like to go to Woburn, price £10 each, should contact organiser Simon Cassidy on 420309.

As well as the outing to Woburn, the Sunshine Group will be playing Bingo at the Centre on Monday, 6 July between 1.30-3 pm. All welcome.



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